ADVANTAGE SOLUTIONS INC. Q1 2022 Earnings Presentation

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Adjusted EBITDA means net income (loss) before (i) interest expense, net, (ii) provision for (benefit from) income taxes, (iii) depreciation, (iv) impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets, (v) amortization of intangible assets, (vi) equity based compensation of Karman Topco L.P., (vii) change in fair value of warrant liability, (viii) stock-based compensation expense, (ix) fair value adjustments of contingent consideration related to acquisitions, (x) acquisitionrelated expenses, (xi) costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received, (xii) EBITDA for economic interests in investments, (xiii) restructuring expenses, (xiv) litigation expenses (recovery), (xv) costs associated with the Take 5 Matter and (xvi) other adjustments that management believes are helpful in evaluating our operating performance.

Net Debt represents the sum of current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt, less cash and cash equivalents and debt issuance costs. With respect to Net Debt, cash and cash equivalents are subtracted from the GAAP measure, total debt, because they could be used to reduce the debt obligations.

Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this document may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.

Q1 KEY MESSAGES

- Delivered first quarter results that were largely in-line with our expectations
- Generated approximately 16% year-on-year revenue growth driven by:
 - Sampling events up 62% year-on-year
 - Meaningful rebound in Europe due to reopening of businesses
 - Successful tuck-in M&A activities focused on adding capabilities to help clients navigate an omni-channel world
- Adjusted EBITDA declined as anticipated and reflected:
 - A shift in revenue mix
 - Increasing labor and wage spend
 - Ongoing investment activities

Q1 DELIVERED A SOLID START TO 2022



Note: Please see the appendix for a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to most directly comparable GAAP measures. Totals may not add due to rounding.

HEALTHY TRENDS ACROSS SEGMENTS IN Q1

- Solid revenue performance in Sales segment
 - Sales agency business reflects increase in consumer goods spend in dollars due to inflation partially offset by lower unit volume due to supply chain challenges
 - Retail merchandising growth
 - International business recovery
 - Mix challenged by growth in lower margin merchandising services
- Recovery in Marketing segment
 - In-store sampling continuing to rebound; event count improved to 62% of 2019 exiting Q1
 - Modest profit growth as we incur expense to source labor; accelerating profitability as business continues to scale

SAMPLING EVENT COUNT



2022 INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Innovation

Investing to scale adjacent and complementary services, especially higher-growth, higher-margin data, intelligence and digital offerings

Key Projects: Development of discreet new services adding capabilities in data driven Supply Chain services, Retail Media and Retail POS/Analytics

Renovation

Accelerating investment in infrastructure, systems and tools to help drive productivity and operational efficiencies; improve speed to hire

Key Projects: Development and consolidation of critical retail merchandising and retail event operating technology platforms and new recruiting tools

Talent

Increased spending in wages, recruiting and retention

Key Projects: Actions to improve execution rates to fulfill customer demand

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1	
(\$ in millions)	2021A	2020A	%	2021A	2020A	%	2021A	2020A	%	2022A	2021A	%
Total Advantage												
Revenues	\$850	\$642	32%	\$929	\$784	18%	\$1,033	\$850	21%	\$915	\$791	16%
Adjusted EBITDA	122	112	9%	134	136	(2)%	154	133	16%	97	111	(13)%
% margin	14.4%	17.5%		14.4%	17.4%		14.9%	15.6%		10.6%	14.1%	
Sales Segment												
Revenues	562	460	22%	597	542	10%	631	551	15%	592	534	11%
Adjusted EBITDA	90	90	(1)%	95	102	(7)%	94	90	5%	68	84	(19)%
% margin	15.9%	19.6%		15.9%	18.8%		15.0%	16.3%		11.5%	15.7%	
Marketing Segment												
Revenues	288	181	59%	332	242	37%	402	300	34%	323	257	26%
Adjusted EBITDA	32	22	47%	39	34	12%	60	43	39%	29	27	4%
% margin	11.3%	12.1%		11.6%	14.2%		14.8%	14.3%		8.8%	10.7%	

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CAPITALIZATION SUMMARY

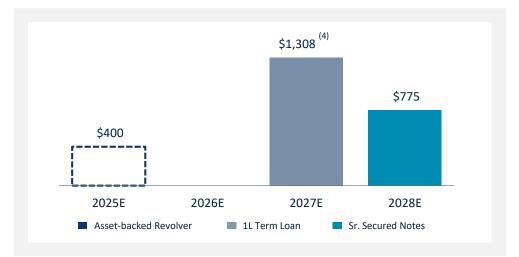
- Total Debt of \$2.1 billion⁽¹⁾
 - Leverage at around 3.9x net debt⁽¹⁾ to LTM March Adjusted EBITDA
 - No meaningful maturities for the next four+ years
- Debt Capitalization:

	Maturity	Rate	Outstanding
Asset-backed Revolver (\$400M)	2025	L+2.25% ⁽²⁾	
First Lien Term Loan	2027	L+4.50% ⁽³⁾	1,308
Senior Secured Notes	2028	6.50%	775
Total Funded Debt			\$2,083

- Equity capitalization @ March 31, 2022:
 - 318,393,829 Class A Common shares outstanding
 - 1,610,014 Treasury shares outstanding
 - 18,578,321 Warrants @ \$11.50 exercise
 - 5,948,228 Performance Restricted Stock Units ("PSUs")⁽⁵⁾
 - 8,319,466 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs")
 - 1,206,988 Options



⁽²⁾ Asset-backed Revolver rate subject to 0.50% LIBOR floor. See ABL Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2021 for additional information.



⁽³⁾ First Lien Term Loan rate subject to 0.75% LIBOR floor. See First Lien Credit Agreement, dated October 28, 2020 and First Lien Amendment dated October 28, 2021.

⁽⁴⁾ First Lien Term Loan amortizes at 1% per annum, paid quarterly. Illustratively showing full \$1,308 million obligation in 2027E maturity.

⁽⁵⁾ Represents the number of underlying shares that would be issued at Target performance levels.

OUTLOOK AND GUIDANCE

Affirming 2022 Outlook:

- FY 2022 Adjusted EBITDA of \$490 to \$510 million
- This reflects an initial budget for 2022 that showed modest year-over-year EBITDA growth and continued reinvestment activities, including:
 - Focusing more funding on talent wages, recruiting, and retention
 - Investing in innovation to scale adjacent and complementary services, especially in digital
 - Renovating infrastructure, systems and tools to help drive productivity
- Expecting net debt to Adjusted EBITDA to be up modestly from 2021 levels given reinvestment

THANK YOU



NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (1/3)

Consolidated		Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2022		2	2021	
Total Company (in thousands)					
Net income (loss)	\$	17,534	\$	(546)	
Add:					
Interest expense, net		11,883		30,865	
Provision for income taxes		9,049		1,743	
Depreciation and amortization		57,768		59,613	
Equity based compensation of Topco (1)		(2,795)		(2,814)	
Change in fair value of warrant liability		(15,442)		5,526	
Stock based compensation expense ⁽²⁾		7,771		8,655	
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions ⁽³⁾		2,134		(1,043)	
Acquisition-related expenses ⁽⁴⁾		9,585		5,146	
EBITDA for economic interests in investments ⁽⁵⁾		(4,052)		(1,189)	
Restructuring expenses ⁽⁶⁾		643		4,096	
Litigation expenses (recovery) ⁽⁷⁾		-		(818)	
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received ⁽⁸⁾		1,574		1,293	
Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter ⁽⁹⁾		1,087		901	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	96,739	\$	111,428	

Sales Segment (in thousands) Operating income Add:	\$ 2022 18,973	2 \$	35,148
Operating income	\$ 18,973	\$	2E 149
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Add			55,140
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Depreciation and amortization	40,969		42,564
Equity based compensation of Topco (1)	(1,652)		(1,838)
Stock based compensation expense ⁽²⁾	4,758		4,694
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions ⁽³⁾	803		778
Acquisition-related expenses ⁽⁴⁾	7,314		3,320
EBITDA for economic interests in investments ⁽⁵⁾	(4,207)		(1,487)
Restructuring expenses ⁽⁶⁾	819		780
Litigation expenses (recovery)(7)	_		(516)
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received ⁽⁸⁾	456		633
Sales Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 68,233	\$	84,076

	Three Months Ended March 31,			ed	
	2022		2	021	
Marketing Segment (in thousands)					
Operating income	\$	4,051	\$	2,440	
Add:					
Depreciation and amortization		16,799		17,049	
Equity based compensation of Topco (1)		(1,143)		(976)	
Stock based compensation expense ⁽²⁾		3,013		3,961	
Fair value adjustments related to contingent consideration related to acquisitions ⁽³⁾		1,331		(1,821)	
Acquisition-related expenses ⁽⁴⁾		2,271		1,826	
EBITDA for economic interests in investments ⁽⁵⁾		155		298	
Restructuring expenses ⁽⁶⁾		(176)		3,316	
Litigation expenses (recovery) ⁽⁷⁾		_		(302)	
Costs associated with COVID-19, net of benefits received ⁽⁸⁾		1,118		660	
Costs associated with the Take 5 Matter ⁽⁹⁾		1,087		901	
Marketing Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$	28,506	\$	27,352	

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NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (2/3)

(in millions)	March 31, 2022			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	15.0		
Long-term debt, net of current portion		2,027.7		
Less: Debt issuance costs		(47.5)		
Total Debt		2,090.2		
Less: Cash and cash equivalents		123.6		
Total Net Debt ⁽¹⁰⁾	\$	1,966.6		

NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION (3/3)

Note: Dollars in millions. Numerical figures included in this slide have been subject to rounding adjustments

- (1) Represents equity-based compensation of Karman Topco L.P.
- (2) Represents non-cash compensation expense related to issuance of performance restricted stock units, restricted stock units, and stock options with respect to our Class A common stock under the Advantage Solutions Inc. 2020 Incentive Award Plan and the Advantage Solutions 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents adjustments to the estimated fair value of our contingent consideration liabilities related to our acquisitions, excluding the present value accretion recorded in interest expense, net, for the applicable periods.
- (4) Represents fees and costs associated with activities related to our acquisitions and restructuring activities related to our equity ownership, including professional fees, due diligence, and integration activities.
- (5) Represents additions to reflect our proportional share of Adjusted EBITDA related to our equity method investments and reductions to remove the Adjusted EBITDA related to the minority ownership percentage of the entities that we fully consolidate in our financial statements.
- (6) One-time restructuring activities costs associated with non-recurring reorganization projects.
- (7) Represents legal settlements that are unusual or infrequent costs associated with our operating activities.
- (8) Represents (a) costs related to implementation of strategies for workplace safety in response to COVID-19, including employee-relief fund, additional sick pay for front-line associates, medical benefit payments for furloughed associates, and personal protective equipment and (b) benefits received from government grants for COVID-19 relief.
- (9) Represents costs associated with the Take 5 Matter, primarily, professional fees and other related costs.
- (10) Net Debt represents the sum of current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt, less cash and cash equivalents and debt issuance costs. With respect to Net Debt, cash and cash equivalents are subtracted from the GAAP measure, total debt, because they could be used to reduce the debt obligations.